

CLAIMS

1. A steering column characterized in that an outer housing, a steering shaft housing and a guiding plate at least one of which is constructed in an extruded profile or in extruded profiles, said steering column having an knee airbag.
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2. The steering column according to claim 1, characterized in that means for longitudinal and vertical adjustment of the steering column are accommodated in the extruded profile or in the extruded profiles.
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3. The steering column according to claim 2, characterized in that the means for longitudinal and vertical adjustment of the steering column are accommodated in the extruded profiles of the guiding plate and the outer housing.
- 15 4. The steering column according to claim 1, characterized in that a means for an accident-caused movement of the steering column away from a driver are accommodated in the extruded profile or in the extruded profiles.
- 20 5. The steering column according to claim 4, characterized in that the means for the accident-caused movement of the steering column away from the driver include load absorbing means which are accommodated in the extruded profile or in the extruded profiles.
- 25 6. The steering column according to claim 5, characterized in that the load absorbing means include two load absorbencies which can be activated or deactivated in dependence on a seat belt fastened condition and/or the size of the driver.
- 30 7. The steering column according to claim 4, characterized in that the means for the accident-caused movement of the steering column away from the driver are accommodated in the extruded profiles of the guiding plate and the outer housing.

8. The steering column according to claim 4, characterized in that the means for the accident-caused movement of the steering column away from the driver include pyrotechnic or electronic driving means which are accommodated in the extruded profile or in the extruded profiles.

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9. The steering column according to claim 4, characterized in that the means for the accident-caused movement of the steering column away from the driver include pyrotechnic or electronic unlocking means for the longitudinal adjustment of the steering column and unlocking or locking means for the load absorbing means.

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10. The steering column according to claim 1, characterized in that a means for protection of a driver's knees or legs are integrated in the extruded profile or in the extruded profiles.

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11. The steering column according to claim 10, characterized in that the means for the protection of the driver's knees or legs include a knee/leg air bag and a knee impact plate especially moveable towards the driver in an accident and preferably load-absorbingly mounted.

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12. The manufacturing method for a steering column, characterized in that an outer housing, a steering shaft housing and a guiding plate are at least partly made of extruded profile.

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